



SOLONS WOULD KNOCK OUT GENTLE FOOTBALL

Fire Insurance Pools Too Come in
for Regulation by the State
Legislature.

SHOWER OF BILLS PRESENTED

Members of Senate Take a Holiday
But in the Other House a Raft of
Proposed Laws Are Introduced—
Delegate Barrett Puts in a Few
Measures For Consideration.

(Special to the Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 11.—The
members of the Senate took a hol-
iday today, but not so the solons of
the House of Delegates. These gen-
tlemen, although they sat only about
an hour, introduced a "peck or so"
of bills, many of which carry—or rather
call for—big appropriations.

If all of them pass, the State's fi-
nances will be sucked as dry as a
lemon. Several of the bills related
to appropriations for the public
schools; one calls for \$50,000 for much
needed improvements in the Capitol
Square and others suggest various
and divers things calculated to bene-
fit the good people of the Old Domini-
on.

Half Hundred Reserved.
As something like forty or fifty
bills flooded Clerk Williams' desk be-
fore the sixty minutes' work was over,
it may easily be seen that practically
every conceivable variety of legisla-
tion was suggested.

Dr. R. S. Powell of Brunswick,
wishes to foster the welfare and safety
of the people, and to uphold the
dignity of the Commonwealth by
prohibiting the "game of football" in
the Old Dominion. His bill, which was
referred to the Committee on Schools
and Colleges, amidst a roar of laugh-
ter, provides that all persons who in-
sist in indulging in this deadly recrea-
tion shall pay a fine ranging from \$50
to \$100.

Insurance Bill Comes Up.
A proposed measure of much more
practical importance was a bill intro-
duced by Judge Martin Williams, of
Giles which bears the title, "To pre-
vent fire insurance companies associ-
ations, partnerships, etc. doing busi-
ness in this State, or the agents there-
of, from entering into combinations to
make or control rates for fire insur-
ance and providing a punishment for
violations of this act."

This bill, which, it is said is the
old Wharton law redrafted, provides
that the managers or agents of the
concerns in question shall file with
the Auditor an affidavit declaring that
the respective fire insurance concerns
have entered into no combination or
trust for the purpose of preventing
competition in this State. The pen-
alty for false affidavits ranges from
\$100 to \$1,000.

It has been known all along that
war on the insurance companies would
be renewed at this session of the
Legislature, and Judge Williams' bill
probably throws down the gauntlet,
and means the first step in a battle
that will be exceedingly interesting.

Delegates Arrive Early.
Buttonholing and persuasive argu-
ments preceded the session today in
the old, sweet way. The delegates
came early to the capitol. A quorum
could have been picked up in the
building any time after eleven o'clock
Cory corner conferences were in pro-
gress for more than an hour in every
part of the capitol.

Delegate Lion's resolution, adopted
at yesterday's session of the house,
which excludes many of those former-
ly admitted to the floor, is coming in
for a good deal of criticism. A de-
mand for more liberal regulations will
follow the enforcement of the resolu-
tion.

with prayer by the Rev. Russell Cecil
of the second Presbyterian church.
A message from the governor was
the first business. He sent in the
nomination of Mr. Willard as corpora-
tion commissioner and Judge Moo-
man's nomination. Both of these
were made in vacation.

Four new pages were appointed,
James Hawkins, of Fredericksburg,
G. Garrett Cousins, of Clelland; Pey-
ton Moss, of Buckingham; and Ches-
ter Truslow, of Falmouth.

Just a Few of the Bills.
The following bills were submitted
today:

Bills By Barrett.
W. E. Barrett: A bill to require
the closing of all places for the sale
of spirituous, malt or intoxicating li-
quors between the hours of twelve
o'clock at night and five o'clock in
the morning, and to prohibit the
sale of such liquors between said
hours. A fine of from \$50 to \$100
is imposed for violation of the law.
It is provided no police officer shall
receive any part of the fine.

W. E. Barrett: To amend and re-
enact section 21, of chapter 4, of an
act concerning public service cor-
porations, approved Jan. 18, 1904, so
as to require the separation of white
and colored passengers on cars oper-
ated by electricity.

W. E. Barrett: To amend and re-
enact section 3804 of the code of
Virginia as amended by an act ap-
proved March 5, 1900, and as amend-
ed by an act approved March 15,
1904, relating to the closing of bar-
rooms, saloons and other places for
the sale of intoxicating liquors on
Sundays. The penalties prescribed
are a fine of from \$100 to \$500, a
term of from five to thirty days in
jail and the loss of license.

Mr. Massie: To provide for the
settlement, registration, transfer and
assurance of titles to land, and to
establish courts of land registration,
with jurisdiction for said purposes.

Football a Penal Offense.
R. S. Powell: A bill to prohibit
the game of football in the State
of Virginia. A penalty of from \$50
to \$500 for each offense is prescribed.

Eugene Oule: A bill for the limita-
tion of tax accounts.

To provide separate tickets for poll
tax.

Mr. Caton: To provide for setting
apart and appropriating a portion of
the general revenue of the Common-
wealth for the support of public
schools.

W. D. Cardwell: To place a bronze
tablet in the capitol building with
the names thereon of the commis-
sioners, clerks, architect and con-
tractor, under whose supervision the
work of remodeling the building
was done.

E. P. Cox: To appropriate \$50,-
000 for improvements on the State
buildings, grounds and walkways and
driveways in the Capitol Square.

N. E. Spessant: Making addition-
al appropriations of money for the
benefit of the primary and grammar
grade schools of the State.

Normal School for Williamsburg.
R. T. Gregory: To amend and re-
enact an act entitled "an act to es-
tablish a normal school at Williams
and Mary college in connection with
its collegiate course."

C. W. Throckmorton: To provide
for ascertaining the amount of de-
linquent taxes chargeable against
each piece of land in this State,
requiring proper regulation of the
same, and providing for its collec-
tion.

R. W. Withers: To authorize the
court in which he is tried to sen-
tence certain prisoners to hard lab-
or on the public roads, instead of
to confinement in the penitentiary,
for the commission of a felony.

To permit certain persons charged
with crime and unable to furnish
bail bond or not let to bail, with the
consent of the commonwealth's at-
torney, to work in chain-gangs on
county roads.

T. W. Jennings: To provide for
the appointment of a secretary of
Virginia military record and to make
an appropriation for the salaries and
expenses of that office.

One General Hanging Place.
To require all criminals sentenced
to death to be executed at the State
penitentiary.

Authorizing a bonded indebtedness
for the purpose of conducting and
improving public roads.

To provide for the working of
State quarries by convicts.

To establish a State highway com-
mission.

By J. K. Caton: A bill in relation
to the assessment for local taxa-
tion of the rolling stock of railroad
corporation.

TWO ALLEGED STOCK FORGERS CAPTURED

Arrests Are Made in the Norfolk
and Western Bogus Stock
Certificate Crime.

ORIGINAL PLATE IS RECOVERED

Securities Were Fictitious in Blocks of
One Hundred Each—One of Accu-
sed Led a Meteoric Career in Goth-
am Where He Has Been Behind
Prison Bars.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Following
the arrest today of Samuel Humphreys,
a newspaper writer, on a charge
of selling a bogus certificate of 100
shares of the Norfolk and Western
Railway Company to a dealer in se-
curities in this city, it was learned
that 500 of the bogus certificates were
printed and that the operations ap-
pear to have been planned on a large
scale.

As only four or five of the cer-
tificates have been discovered and each
of them is for 100 shares with an ag-
gregate market value of about \$8,000,
it is evident that the amount realized
by the operators is large if they have
disposed of many of the certificates.
The police say that they believe that
at least three men had a hand in the
transaction.

Sale Made Last September.
Humphreys was arraigned on an af-
fidavit, alleging that he acted in con-
cert with C. Augustus Seton, in sell-
ing a forged certificate to Barnard
and Clark, of this city, last Septem-
ber, for \$8,000. He was held in \$2,-
500 bail for examination tomorrow. In
default of bail he was remanded to
police headquarters.

According to information given out
at the detective bureau Humphreys
went to the office of Barnard and
Clark, of this city with a letter in-
troducing himself as "Mr. Collins," a
wealthy builder of Philadelphia, and
presented two forged certificates of
the Norfolk and Western which he
wanted disposed of at the market
value, between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

Original Plate Recovered.
The lithograph from which the bog-
us certificates were made, together
with incriminating correspondence
have been turned over to the district
attorney's office. A proof of the cer-
tificates and a forged order for stock
certificates addressed to the Hamilton
Park Shoe Company and purporting
to be signed by the president of the
Norfolk and Western Railway was
found, the detectives declare in a
Wall street office during a search
after the effects of a suspect in an-
other case, last September.

Used an Official Letter.
Humphreys, the police say, went to
the Hamilton Bank Note Company
in this city and showing a letter
written on the stationery of the Nor-
folk and Western and purporting to
come from the President of the Nor-
folk and Western Railway Company,
ordered 500 certificates of 100 shares
of common stock each. They were
made in two blocks.

That Humphreys should have been
able to present the forged letter from
the President of the Norfolk and
Western on the railroad's official sta-
tionery causes the police to believe
that there was another accomplice
and that he is probably an employe
in the office of the Norfolk and West-
ern. The police say that this sus-
pected accomplice probably secured a
blank stock certificate and station-
ery of the Norfolk and Western rail-
way for Humphreys.

The Bank Note Company assisted
the railway company in bringing the
guilty parties to justice.

Seton Arrested Too.
Seton, who was arrested last night
near Elkhart, Md., charged with grand
larceny, comes from Cleveland and
is said to be well known there. He
inherited \$40,000 from his father.

Soon after he came to New York
he got up the National India Famine
Relief Fund. He was arrested twice
in connection with that. One charge
was that he had collected money
from a lot of young women who had
applied for work as stenographers,
and another charge was that he had
forged the name of a society woman
to his subscription appeal. He was
in the Tombs for two months and
was then discharged, the complainant
having gone to Europe. That was in
1900.

Seton's wife was a Miss Crum,
of Columbus, daughter of a former post-
master. She is his second wife.
They occupied expensive apartments
in Fifth avenue here while Seton was
a banker and offering to float bonds.
They left the Fifth avenue place last
October.

WALL STREET THREATS DENOUNCED IN SENATE

Stock Gamblers Are Held in Their
True Worth by One Member
of the Upper House.

TARIFF DEBATE GROWS WARM

Williams and Grosvenor Clash Over
the Philippines and Latter Says He
Does Not Want Democratic Votes
to Pass Bill—Mississippians Say
Republicans Fear to Make Changes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Before
going into executive session today
the Senate listened to a speech by
Mr. Heyburn in support of his bill
creating a national board for the
control of corporations in which he
denounced Wall street because of
its alleged interference with the af-
fairs of the country.

He said that when the "street"
could not dictate the financial course
of the government, it was ever
ready to threaten disaster and he
pleaded for legislation that would
rob it of such power for evil.

Another Hot Tariff Debate.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The
Philippine tariff debate in the House
today consisted more of party ma-
neuvers for advantageous cam-
paign material than of discussion of
the question at issue.

Mr. Adams, of Wisconsin, opposed
the bill, but advocated a readjust-
ment of the tariff on business prin-
ciples.

Mr. McKinlay, of California, de-
livered his first speech in the House
in favor of the pending measure
and pointed a finger of warning to-
wards the growing industries of Ja-
pan.

Grosvenor Gets Cronical.
Placing a part of the responsibility
for the consequences of the Span-
ish war on the Democratic party,
Mr. Grosvenor recounted the influ-
ence of Mr. Bryan in securing the
ratification of the treaty of peace.
Mr. Grosvenor repudiated Demo-
cratic votes for the pending bill.
"Let them ride in the Jim Crow
car and not in the first class com-
partment with me," he said.

Referring to Massachusetts Mr.
Grosvenor said that state should
remember the adage "never go back
on them that brought you up by
hand."

"What hand?" interjected Minority
Leader Williams.

Acknowledges Supreme Power.
"The hand of God and the Repub-
lican party," was the quick reply.
When the laughter had quieted Mr.
Williams said:

"I want to recognize the unusual
magnanimity of the gentleman in
naming God just once as the senior
member of the firm" (laughter).

As to a revision of the tariff Mr.
Williams asserted that it did not
need a prophet to see that the Re-
publican party was not going to re-
vise the tariff.

"The Republican party in its pre-
sent decadent condition has neither
the brains nor the courage to reme-
dy the tariff, and that is the rea-
son why you are going to have a
Democratic House of Representatives
at the next election," he said.

Sugar Imports Enormous.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—
Sugar valued at \$148,575,245 was im-
ported into the United States dur-
ing the last eleven months.

Nearly all the sugar brought into
this country is produced from cane,
and the United States consumes
fully one half of the cane sugar pro-
duced in the world. The domestic
sugar crop of 1904 was 1,167,250,560
pounds.

47 Votes Are Pledged.
Those congressmen who are hold-
ing out for free and full debate on
the Statchood bill claim to have
secured 47 pledged Republican votes
enough with aid from the Demo-
crats to defeat those who wish to
jam through the bill as formed.

Sea Level Canal Wanted.
European members of the Board
of Engineers who favored a sea

level canal have signed the report
according to a cablegram received
by Secretary of War Taft today.

Naval Detention Camp for Virginia.
An appropriation of \$30,000 has
been asked for to be used in erect-
ing buildings to be used as a de-
tention camp for newly enlisted men
in the navy at the St. Helena reser-
vation in Virginia.

Root Takes Care of Law Partner.
Henry L. Simpson, a member of the
Ellhu Root law firm, has been de-
cided upon as the successor of Gen-
eral Henry Burnet, District Attorney
in New York city. The position, un-
der the fee system, pays \$60,000 a
year.

Alexandria Wants the President.
Representative Rixey headed a de-
legation from Alexandria that today
invited the President to take part
in the memorial exercises that are
to be held in that city February 22.
A detachment of Soldiers and Sailors
are to be sent there and Washing-
ton's memory will be fittingly hon-
ored.

Roosevelt Becomes a Red Man.
The President was made an hon-
orary member of the order of Red
Men today by Chief Incehonce Cher-
ry of Norfolk who went through the
rites of the order in the White
House. The President is the only
honorary member of the order in
the world.

Morocco Discussed Again.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—In
secret session today the Senate dis-
cussed the status of Senator Bacon's
Moroccan resolution for three hours
and in the end it was left on the cal-
endar.

GERMANS IN READINESS FOR WAR WITH FRANCE

Those in Denmark Warned to Be
Ready for Return for
Military Service.

(By Associated Press.)
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, Jan.
11.—All German citizens living in
Denmark who are liable for military
service in the Fatherland have been
warned to hold themselves in readi-
ness to return to Germany upon
three days' notice.

EPISCOPALIANS TO MEET.

All Arrangements Have Been Made
For the Convention in 1907.
(By Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, Jan. 11.—The primary
meeting of those interested in the
gathering of the general convention
of the Episcopal church to be held
here in October, 1907, has appointed
a finance committee, consisting of one
member of each of the Richmond con-
gregations and an executive com-
mittee to have charge of all active ar-
rangements and to appoint all sub-
committees.

The meeting was called by Bishop
Gibson. The executive committee is
as follows: Rev. W. M. Clark, chair-
man, Rev. Messrs. Gravatt, Goodwyn,
and Forsyth, and Messrs. Joseph Bry-
an, James Caskie and Lewis Aylett.

COTTON GROWERS MEET.

Negro Delegates Attend the Con-
vention in New Orleans.
(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11.—Full
and representative attendance from
the cotton growing states, the South-
ern Cotton Growers Association open-
ed a three day session here today.

A feature that attracted atten-
tion was the presence of a negro
delegation from Hinds county, Miss.
Secretary Woods, of the Mississippi
Association, said they were regular
delegates and entitled to seats.

JUMPED FROM BAY LINE SHIP.

Washington Man May Have Com-
mitted Suicide in Bay.
(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A man
who either fell or jumped from a
Bay Line steamer between Norfolk
and Baltimore Tuesday night, is be-
lieved to be John P. McCormick,
a real estate broker and contractor
of this city.

McCormick has been missing since
Sunday.

Hart to Meet Burns.

(By Associated Press.)
BUTTE, MONT., Jan. 11.—Ar-
rangements have been completed for
a match between Marvin Hart and
Tommy Burns for the heavy-weight
championship of the world. The bout
will be held in Los Angeles, February
23rd.

JAIL EMPTIED TO SAVE PRISONERS FROM FIRE

Militia Called Out and is Now
Guarding Them in the Court
House Square.

NORFOLK PEANUT PLANT BURNED

Fully 10,000 Bags of Gubera Make a
Hot Blaze Which Does About \$100,-
000 Damage—Live Wires Cause a
Few Accidents—Nine Prisoners Es-
cape.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 11.—A fire that
is said to have originated by sponta-
neous combustion tonight in the four
story brick peanut factory of the Nor-
folk Storage Company, in Plume
street, between the city jail and the
foundry of Whitehurst and Company,
entirely destroying that building, dam-
aged the east wing of the jail and fall-
ing walls crushed the foundry like
an egg shell.

275 Prisoners Rescued.

All of the 275 prisoners in the jail
were marched to the police barracks
under a guard of police, but nine es-
caped before they had been transfer-
red to rooms in the courthouse when
the flames endangered the barracks.
Among these is Solomon Greenstein,
held for perjury in the United States
Court.

Mayor Riddick called out four com-
panies of the seventy-first regiment
and they are now guarding the prison-
ers and courthouse square.

City in Danger.

For a time the business section of
the city was dangerously threatened.
No fatalities occurred, but several
people were injured, among them B.
Gray Tunstall, chairman of the street,
sewer and drain committee, who was
struck by a falling live wire. A silk
handkerchief around Police Patrol-
man W. P. Burnham's neck acted as
a non-conductor and saved his life
when the same wire struck him.

Loss is \$100,000.

The loss will be more than \$100,
000. Ten thousand bags of peanuts
were destroyed with a great amount
of valuable machinery. The prox-
imity of the fire to the central power
house caused all electric current to
be cut off and for many hours the city
was in darkness and car traffic was at
a standstill.

The blaze started at 8:30 o'clock
and was not under control until about
9:30. A hook and ladder truck was
smashed to pieces by the falling
walls and several firemen narrowly
escaped death.

Fire Destroys Big Steel Plant.

GREENVILLE, PA., Jan. 11.—Fire
starting from an explosion destroyed
the works of the Carnegie Steel Com-
pany here tonight, entailing a loss of
about \$600,000. Two men were badly
burned.

A flue in the boiler of a heating
furnace blew out deluging the fur-
nace below which exploded, scatter-
ing fire in all directions.

NEGROES "BAD ACTORS."

One is Sent to Prison for 90 Days
and Another is Held for Robbery.
(Special to the Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 11.—Wal-
ter Martin, a negro servant in the
home of Dr. Edward Eggleston, was
sentenced to ninety days in jail in
Police Court today, for robbing Dr.
Eggleston's safe three times, taking
\$30 altogether.

John Scott, a negro, yesterday ar-
rested upon a warrant charging him
with robbing Nat. Pryor, another
negro.

Gaynor-Greene Case Drags Along.

(By Associated Press.)
SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 11.—Judge
Spear upon the conclusion of ar-
guments today, took under considera-
tion the demurrer in the special plea
to "indictment number 371" under
which Greene and Gaynor were extra-
dited from Canada.